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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPKINTON,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1870.

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# AUDITOR'S REPORT

OF

## SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

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1st. Wherein they find them chargeable with cash received in sundry ways, as follows :

Cash hired of sundry persons,	\$6,606.64
Cash received from Savings Bank tax,	972.02
Railroad tax,	347.00
Literary Fund,	99.40
Use of derrick,	27.15
County paupers,	262.29
Support of S. Farrington,	16.00
	\$8,330.50

Which is accounted for as follows :

Paid into town treasury, as per Treasurer's receipts, \$8,330.50

2d. An account wherein they find the Selectmen charged with orders drawn on the Treasurer, amounting to \$19,747.90

Which is accounted for as follows :

### *School Districts.*

Paid District No. 1,	\$172.44
“ 2,	105.18
“ 3,	98.10
“ 4,	98.10
“ 5,	75.09
“ 6,	91.02
“ 7,	99.87
“ 8,	86.48
“ 9,	68.01
“ 10,	195.45
“ 11,	101.64
“ 12,	76.86
“ 13,	94.56
“ 14,	80.40



Paid District No. 16,	66.24
"    17,	75.09
"    18,	64.47
"    19,	108.72
"    20,	131.11
"    21,	53.85
"    24,	68.01
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	\$2,010.69

*Town Debts Paid.*

Notes and interest,	\$9,613.87
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*Support of Paupers.*

Paid J. W. Wilson, medical aid, Polly Kimball, 1867,	8.50
Alfred A. Rollins, wood for Stephen Farrington,	3.00
D. L. Gage, goods for " "	17.18
Henry P. Randall, attendance " "	24.00
William Palmer, wood for " "	1.50
D. L. Gage, goods for " "	14.20
J. W. Wilson, medical attendance John Holmes,	12.10
Calvin Tyler, digging grave for Emma Green, county pauper,	2.00
R. C. Moulton, procuring coffin for do.	1.50
Geo. C. Blaisdell, medical attendance, Mrs. J. M. Austin,	7.40
Curtice & Son, articles furnished John Holmes,	10.00
D. O. Collins & Son, " "	5.00
Curtice & Son, articles furnished N. L. Green, county pauper,	4.34
J. W. Wilson, medical attendance, Emma Green, county pauper,	3.25
James Fellows, goods furnished Town of Hopkinton, 1865,	18.14
Amos Frye, Jr., wood for Stephen Farrington,	3.25
Jacob M. Morrill, aid transient person, county pauper,	1.00
Seth Webber, coffin for Emma Green, county pauper,	5.50
Zilpha Kezar, nursing and boarding Cynthia Rions, county pauper,	16.00
Susan Baker, support of Jane Walker,	16.12
N. E. Philbrick, assistance transient person, county pauper,	3.00

Paid Michael Sanborn, wood for Julia Lynch, county pauper,	6.00
Zilpha Kezar, board of Rions family,	8.00
Eli A. Boutwell, wood for Julia Lynch, Co. pauper,	5.00
S. Curtice & Son, articles for Rions family,	2.62
Geo. C. Blaisdell, medical attendance, Rions family,	7.00
John A. Peters, board of transient persons, county paupers,	7.00
Phebe Barton, support of Hiram Straw, Co. pauper,	78.00
Zilpha Kezar, board of Rions boy,	5.00
M. F. Hoyt, board of county paupers,	140.00
Alexander Rogers, med. aid, Moses Kesar's family,	7.50
Moses F. Hoyt, salary as agent of poor farm,	300.00
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	\$743.10

*Repairing Roads and Bridges.*

Paid E. S. Richardson, snowing Tyler and Blackwater bridges,	\$11.00
C. E. Clark, labor on highway, Dist. No. 15,	5.25
Moses T. Rimball, " " 33,	1.50
John Patch, " " "	8.17
Levi Lamprey, " " "	75
Charles Merrill, " " "	3.00
S. S. Buswell, " " "	3.00
H. H. Crowell, " " "	1.50
Joseph Crowell, " " "	1.50
Thomas E. White, snowing bridge, Henniker new road,	5.00
H. H. Crowell, labor on highway, Dist. No. 38,	5.25
John L. French, " " 9,	6.25
William R. Chase, for plank and labor on highway,	1.27
James M. Connor, repairing highway Dist. No. 6,	6.75
Isaac Rowell, snowing bridge in 1868,	5.00
Hazen Kimball, labor on highway,	1.00
A. N. Chandler, labor on highway, Dist. No. 38,	12.00
Tilton Symonds, labor on highway,	3.50
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	\$82.44

*Breaking Roads.*

Paid William Colby, District No. 1,	\$13.72
John Patch, " 34,	3.87
Seth Tuttle, " 5,	14.00



Paid F. W. Morgan, District No. 25,		13.00
John L. French, "	48,	5.70
Thomas Hughes, "	42,	8.25
F. R. Moore, "	43,	20.85
Samuel Straw, "	24,	12.03
T. C. Piper, "	26,	14.25
C. C. Burnham, "	35,	11.49
J. G. Brockway, "	40,	1.20
Albert Crowell, "	52,	6.00
C. H. Smith, "	53,	19.87
Jacob K. Clark, "	50,	13.05
W. M. Sweatt, "	30,	9.50
W. A. Wiggin, "	8,	18.75
J. R. Elliott, "	32,	23.91
Lozaro Currier, "	11,	16.53
Geo. K. Weeks, "	39,	7.35
Jer. Abbott, "	33,	21.27
S. Fogg, "	49,	4.50
John Corser, "	30,	4.80
W. Rogers, "	23,	5.10
A. S. Hastings, "	18,	5.85
C. D. Rand, "	19,	17.02
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		\$291.86

*Damage to Roads and Bridges by Freshet, Oct. 4, 1869.*

Paid for repairing roads, J. M. Connor's Dist. No. 6,		\$19.60
" John B. Sargent, "	39,	38.10
" E. S. Richardson,		141.56
" Abner C. Sargent, "	3,	180.70
" Lucius H. Tyler, "	28,	92.42
" John F. Currier, "	10,	78.88
" John S. Straw, "	24,	67.42
" Ebenezer Flanders, "	25,	35.50
" John Patch, "	34,	95.22
" H. J. Chase, "	47,	329.65
" Samuel Crowell, "	36,	16.88
" W. F. Dodge, "	7,	79.44
" James M. Hook, "	20,	36.62
" Jer. S. Abbott, "	33,	92.00
" Horace Straw, "	26,	15.90
" Abial R. Chandler, "	4,	13.47
" S. B. Bohonnon, "	9,	22.12

Paid for repairing roads,	Albert Crowell,	"	52,	24.12
"	Woodbury Hardy,	"	37,	22.53
"	C. H. Smith,	"	53,	23.40
"	Charles Gould,	"	30,	39.75
"	B. Lovering,	"	31,	4.60
"	D. P. Dustin,	"	16,	5.51
"	Geo. Montgomery,	"	44,	4.50
"	Rufus P. Copps,	"	23,	11.85
"	S. G. Bradbury,	"	45,	17.65
"	N. C. Weeks,	"	41,	30.53
"	William Colby,	"	1,	33.00
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				\$1572.92

*State Tax.*

Paid Peter Sanborn, State Treasurer,	\$3408.00
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*Miscellaneous.*

Paid Moses Colby, J. A. Peter's board,	\$10.00
" " Auditors,	12.00
Hiram Blanchard, care of Town House,	7.39
Carlos F. Hardy, services as Selectman, 1868,	8.00
H. H. Crowell " "	9.50
Moses Colby, paid for printing reports, 1868,	50.00
" " services as Selectman, 1868,	11.00
A. D. Howard, notifying town officers,	32.00
D. H. Sanborn, making school report, Sec. State,	3.00
D. L. Gage, books, stamps and stationery,	13.17
T. J. Burbank, lighting bridge (Contoocookville),	15.41
Gust. Walker, rope for derrick,	28.28
H. H. Crowell, cash paid on pauper case,	3.00
S. Curtice & Son, oil to light Contoocook bridge,	8.46
Catharine S. Lerner, storage of hearse,	3.00
Hiram Cutler, making two ballot boxes,	4.00
George B. Hardy, cash paid for iron,	3.92
G. A. Curtice, for books,	2.25
George B. Hardy, cash paid for rope for derrick,	5.56
Isaac Story, for guide boards,	5.00
Thomas Hughes, labor on new cemetery,	2.00
H. H. Crowell, " "	1.50
George B. Hardy, repairing grave yard fence, Con-	
toocook,	5.56
George W. Piper " " " Stumpfield,	3.00
Isaac Story, interest on Lerner fund,	25.00



Paid Moses Colby, labor on new cemetery,	3.60
James Colby, care, and repair of derrick,	2.25
John L. Sinclair, horse hire, and making report,	19.00
Thomas Chase, money paid Deputy Secretary State,	3.00
“ “ non-resident tax in labor,	23.05
John F. Jones, taking depositions,	2.25
Geo. B. Hardy, assistance to transient person,	.75
D. L. Gage, recording births, deaths, marriages and notifying jurors,	14.45
H. H. Crowell, horse hire, taking depositions, assistance to transient person,	16.75
R. F. Morgan, horse hire, postage stamps,	11.25
Dyer H. Sanborn, horse hire, stationery and postage stamps,	5.25
George B. Hardy, cash paid H. Kimball,	.75
Seth Little, care and storage of weights and measures,	3.00
Henry H. Crowell, postage, stationery, iron and taking depositions,	4.32
George B. Hardy, horse hire, expenses, &c.,	14.85
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	\$396.55

*School House Taxes.*

Paid Elbridge G. Kimball, District No. 5,	\$225.00
John M. Harvey, “ “ 19,	200.00
William S. Straw, “ “ 3,	7.37
Ansel G. Holmes, “ “ 4,	200.00
William F. Savory, “ “ 20,	40.00
H. C. Annis, “ “ 11,	75.00
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	\$747.37

*Town Officers.*

Paid H. H. Crowell, services as Selectman,	114.00
R. F. Morgan “ “	103.25
Geo. B. Hardy “ “	113.75
G. A. Curtice, services as Treasurer,	40.00
D. L. Gage, services as Clerk,	25.00
Thomas Chase, services as Collector,	84.00
Dyer H. Sanborn, Superintendent School Committee,	42.00
John L. Sinclair, Superintendent School Committee,	23.00



Paid R. F. Morgan, Superintendent School Committee,	10.00
	<u>\$566.00</u>

*Abatement of Taxes.*

Paid David Seavey, list for 1867 and 1868,	\$116.88
Thomas Chase, list for 1869,	159.25
	<u>\$276.13</u>

*Damage to Sheep by Dogs.*

Paid Charles F. Clough,	5.00
Jonah Campbell,	5.00
David Seavey,	8.00
Walter H. Ayer,	3.00
Horace Straw,	9.00
Thomas E. White,	5.00
S. W. Perry,	4.00
	<u>\$39.00</u>

Total amount,	\$19,747.90
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The Auditors find the account of the Selectmen properly vouched, correctly cast and perfectly satisfactory.

JOHN F. JONES,	} Auditors.
G. A. CURTICE,	
T. B. RICHARDSON,	

Hopkinton, March 1, 1870.

*Financial Condition of the Town.*

Amount of notes, principal and interest, against the town, March 1, 1870,	\$48,005.74
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Due on J. M. Bailey's list for 1865,	\$4.07
" Geo. B. Hardy's list for 1866,	32.13
" D. Seavey's list for 1867,	28.76
" " " 1868,	454.67
" Thomas Chase's list for 1869,	456.21
" S. D. Merrill, precinct tax,	3.30

Cash in treasury, as by Auditor's report,	2,404.09
	<u>3,283.23</u>

Amount of indebtedness,	\$44,722.51
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## AUDITOR'S REPORT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

*G. A. Curtice in account with the town of Hopkinton, as Treasurer, for 1869.*

1st. A tax account, wherein they find the Treasurer charged with taxes assessed for the year 1869, and committed to Thomas Chase, Collector; namely,	
State tax,	\$3,408.00
Town tax,	7,494.64
School-house tax,	738.08
	—————\$11,640.72

Which is accounted for as follows :

Cash received of collector,	\$11,184.51
Taxes remaining uncollected,	456.21
	—————\$11,640.72

2d. An account of Literary Fund, in which they find him charged with securities on hand March 1, 1869,	\$280.00
Cash collected as interest,	18.90
Cash in treasury,	.03
	—————\$298.93

Which is accounted for as follows :

Securities on hand March 1, 1870,	\$80.00
Cash collected as principal and carried to cash account,	200.00
Cash collected as interest and carried to cash account,	18.90
Cash in treasury,	.03
	—————\$298.93

3d. An account of Lernerd legacy, in which they find him charged with securities on hand March 1, 1869,	\$500.00
Cash collected as interest,	30.00
	—————\$530.00

Which is accounted for as follows :

Securities on hand March 1, 1870,	\$500.00
Cash collected as interest and carried to cash account,	30.00
	—————\$530.00

4th. Cash account in which they find the treasurer charged as follows:	
Cash and securities on hand as per settlement March 1, 1869,	\$3,029.45

Cash received of collector for 1869,	11,184.51
Securities for taxes uncollected for 1869,	456.21
Cash collected as principal on Literary fund,	200.00
Cash collected as interest on Literary fund,	18.90
Cash collected as interest on Lernerd legacy,	30.00
Cash received of selectmen for money hired,	6,606.64
Cash received of selectmen for savings' bank tax,	972.02
Cash received of selectmen for railroad tax,	347.00
Cash received of selectmen for Literary fund,	99.40
Cash received of selectmen for use of derrick,	27.15
Cash received of selectmen for support of county paupers,	262.29
Cash received of selectmen for for money refunded for support of Stephen Farington,	16.00
	<hr/> \$23,249.57

Which is accounted for as follows :

Paid sundry orders drawn by selectmen amounting to	\$19,866.34
Securities due from town taxes for 1865-6-7-8-9,	979.14
Cash on hand as by settlement March 1, 1870,	2,404.09
	<hr/> \$23,249.57

The Auditors certify that they have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer of the town of Hopkinton, and find them well vouched, correctly cast, and perfectly satisfactory.

JOHN F. JONES, }  
THOS. B. RICHARDSON, } *Auditors.*

Hopkinton, March 1, 1870.



# SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF THE PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT.

## *Hay, Stock, and Provision.*

16½ tons English hay, 320.00 ; 9 tons stock hay and straw, 120.00,	\$440.00
2 oxen, 235.00 ; 6 cows, 290.00 ; 20 sheep, 50.00,	575.00
2 shotes, 52.00 ; 52 bush. corn, 65.00 ; 24 bush. oats, 18.00,	135.00
White beans, 8.50 ; peas and colored beans, 1.50 ; Indian meal, 1.25,	11.25
110 bush. potatoes, 80 ; ½ bbl. apples, 1.50 ; carrots, 2.25,	83.75
Beets, 1.00 ; turnips, 3.00 ; cabbage, 1.50 ; 4 bbls. ashes, 2.40,	7.90
1 bbl. soap, 6.00 ; soap grease, 2.50 ; ½ gal. kerosene, .25,	8.75
15 gals. pickles, 5.00 ; 1½ bbls. cider, 11.00 ; vinegar, 4.50,	20.50
122 lbs. ham, 24.40 ; 89 lbs. shoulder, 16.00 ; 32 lbs. chops, 2.60,	43.00
1¾ bbl. pork, 70.00 ; ½ bbl. beef, 9.00 ; 62 lbs. lard, 15.00,	94.00
30 doz. candles, 5.00 ; 38 lbs. tallow, 5.00 ; gal. molasses, .70,	10.70
181 lbs. cheese, 39.00 ; 84 lbs. butter, 32.00 ; flour, 11.00,	82.00
44 lbs. dried apples, 6.60 ; 3½ gals. boiled cider, 3.50,	10.10
2½ doz. eggs, .62 ; 5 lbs. sugar, .75 ; tea, 1.00 ; coffee, .25,	2.62
Saleratus and spices, .50 ; matches, .85 ; tobacco, .75,	2.10
3 prs. feeting, 1.50 ; 2½ lbs. woolen yarn, 3.00 ; fresh beef, 7.50,	12.00
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	\$1,538.67

1869. *Pauper Establishment,* DR.

Mar. 1. To cash in agent's hands,	\$32.98
Real estate,	2,200.00
Hay, stock, and provisions,	1,190.70
Tools and furniture,	265.00
Interest on real estate,	132.00
Agent's salary,	300.00
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	\$4,120.68

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## CREDIT.

Mar. 1.	By real estate,	\$2,200.00	
	Hay, stock, and provisions,	1,538.67	
	Tools and furniture,	265.00	
	Cash in Agent's hands,	134.78	
		<hr/>	\$4,138.45
	Balance in favor of the establishment,		\$17.77

HENRY H. CROWELL,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Hopkinton.</i>
RICHARD F. MORGAN,	
GEO. B. HARDY,	

Hopkinton, Feb. 22, 1870.

## AGENT'S REPORT.

The undersigned, agent on the pauper farm, makes the following report, for the year ending March 1, 1870 :

*Produce Raised.*

22 tons English hay ; 12 tons stock hay ; 3 tons straw and corn fodder ; 70 bushels corn ; 87 bushels oats ; 170 bushels potatoes ; 13 bushels turnips ; 3 bushels beets ; 7 bushels carrots ; 3 bushels cucumbers ; 145 heads cabbage ; 300 pounds squash ; 4 cart loads pumpkins ; 2 bushels peas ; 4 bushels beans ; 50 bushels apples ; 320 pounds cheese ; 802 lbs. pork ; 350 lbs. butter ; 4 bushels tomatoes ; 2 bushels currents ; 1½ bushels onions.

*Expenditures.*

3 brooms, 1.15 ; nails, 2.88 ; oil can, 25 ; spikes, 36,	\$5.17
Wicking, 53 ; spices, 1.45 ; 14 gallons molasses, 9.21 ; snuff, 13,	11.32
Cream tartar, 30 ; crash, 1.38 ; salt, 8.49 ; room paper, 10,	10.27
Dry cask, 25 ; copperas, 04 ; curtains, 50 ; close-line, 55,	1.34
Mop handle, 30 ; saleratus, 1.20 ; salt petre, 22,	1.72
Sulphur 14 ; crackers, 1.90 ; fire frame, 2.00 ; fly paper, 05,	4.09
Fry pan, 50 ; ren't skins, 75 ; matches, 1.10 ; thread, 55,	2.90

Twine, 25 ; hooks and eyes, 05 ; tar, 10 ; 9 lbs. tea, 11.10,	11.50
Shoes, 3.50 ; tomato plants, 75 ; mustard, 12,	4.37
89 lbs. sugar, 13.49 ; cocoa, 25 ; crockery, 1.10,	14.84
Brown earthen, 80 ; box herring, 40 ; alcohol and medicine, 3.65,	4.85
Tacks, 16 ; flour, 61.00 ; stove, 75 ; oil and paint, 67,	62.58
Clothes-boiler, 3.00 ; files, 79 ; pipes, 10 ; ink and paper, 25,	4.14
Cart fastening, 25 ; pitch, 10 ; yeast, 15 ; lime, 75,	1.25
Hogshead, 75 ; hoop iron, 45 ; chalk, 05 ; clothes-wringer, 8.00,	9.25
Basket, 75 ; use of plow, 50 ; axe helves, 50 ; shovel, 1.25,	3.00
Potato digger, 90 ; pass-book, 10 ; saw bill, 1.60,	2.60
Carding and coloring wool, 2.68 ; pasturing oxen, 5.00,	7.68
Salve, 25 ; leather and fixing pump, 80 ; plaster, 25,	1.30
Grass seed, 6.02 ; kerosene oil, 2.25 ; brimstone, 10,	8.37
Hoe, 75 ; tobacco, 6.68 ; two lbs. 1.00 ; jug, 29 ; seed-corn, 75,	9.38
Lampwicks, 12 ; chimneys, 30 ; labor, 61.52 ; ginger, 43,	62.37
Haying tools, 4.75 ; boxes, 82 ; raisins, 42 ; glass and putty, 42,	6.41
Strainer cloths, 50 ; drag, 55 ; peas, 35 ; potatoes, 75,	2.15
Whiffletree, 1.00 ; pigs, 10.00 ; grindstone, 2.70 ; threshing, 5.94,	19.64
Taxes, 13.20 ; bone meal, .30 ; cattle cords, .30 ; print, 2.25,	16.05
Soap, .60 ; pepper, .37 ; blacksmith, 14.70 ; fish, 4.50,	20.17
Beef, 2.10 ; veal, 3.70 ; bolts, .15 ; mackerel, 2.15,	8.10
Tripe, 1.12 ; hay-rack, 1.10 ; tin ware, 5.18, old tin, .34,	7.74
Pails, 1.13 ; rye, 1.75 ; essence, .50 ; superphosphate, 11.94,	15.32
Garden seeds, .35 ; butter tubs, 1.25 ; fork handle, .15,	1.75
Pickle tubs, .62 ; hooks and belts for cider mill, 1.05 ; plow point, .75,	2.42
Hinges and door handle, .35 ; boards, 2.42 ; shorts, 5.00,	7.77
Boot between cows, 10.00 ; pair pants, 2.75 ; 1 pair shirts, 3.00,	25.75
Neat stock, 150.87 ; sheep, 22.00,	172.87
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	\$539.70



*Receipts.*

Cash received of former Agent,	\$32.98
Hay sold, 78.00 ; 30 doz. eggs, 7.61 ; soap, .40,	86.01
Old iron, .66 ; rags, .57 ; feeting, 25.00,	26.23
Straw, 3.00 ; 110 lbs. cheese, 23.44 ; 32 lbs. lard, 7.86,	34.30
Butter 191 lbs., 76.49 ; received for board, 12.00,	88.49
Balance between oxen, 25.00 ; 3 calves, 29.00,	54.00
Oats, 29.40 ; peas, .50 ; potatoes, 3.50,	33.40
Wool, 6.22 ; pork, 28.90 ; keeping pedlar, 1.00,	36.12
Beans, .47 ; onions, 1.00 ; labor, 4.50 ; pelts, 4.50.	10.47
Sheep and lambs, 12.00 ; vegetables, 3.92 ; beef, 13.00,	28.92
Hide, 6.00 ; mutton, 2.00 ; cider, 8.00,	16.00
Poultry, 6.00 ; pasturing, 8.00 ; 89 lbs. ham, 17.80,	31.80
27 lbs. shoulder, 4.86 ; knitting, .90 ; 1 cow, 50.00,	55.76
Received of county for board of paupers,	140.00

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 \$674.48

Expenditures,	539.70
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Cash in agent's hands Feb. 22, 1870,	\$134.78
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MOSES F. HOYT, *Agent on Town Farm.*

## SCHOOL REPORT.

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The Superintending School Committee of Hopkinton, N. H., respectfully submit their Report of the condition of schools the current year ending March 8, 1870, in obedience to the General Statutes of New Hampshire.

The schools have been visited according to law; judicious counsel has been given to teachers relative to their duties; needed advice has been imparted to scholars, accompanied by incentives to virtue, industry, and a faithful improvement of time.

Most of our teachers rank high in their attainments, and have acquitted themselves creditably. To sustain a teacher's dignity, and maintain a high standard of excellence, they should be models of politeness; they should inculcate respect to superiors and inferiors, should manifest a true regard to the equal rights of all,—should never use partiality.

The tendency of Young America, whether juvenile or adult, is to anticipate time, to go to seed prematurely, to be at mature manhood before childhood and youth have passed away. By *most* teachers the Committee have been very courteously received. By others the spirit of indifference has predominated. We attribute the conduct of the latter to a defective social education, and to a superabundance of egotism.

Let Prudential Committees look carefully to the accomplishments of those whom they may employ to teach our schools. This officer should exercise a discriminating judgment in the selection of teachers. He is the responsible agent for expending the money of the district. He should first take a survey of the interests of the district, and then, if possible, employ a teacher that will command the respect of parents and scholars. Such a teacher will be more certain to succeed. A young teacher may possess ample qualifications that will give success in some schools; but in other schools, where there are older scholars, it would be wise to hire experienced teachers, to prevent any partial failure in the teacher's efforts. We would, also, advert to the evil often arising in our schools, from employing one of the scholars to teach his or her schoolmates.

We are sorry to see a growing disposition in many districts in favor of Christmas or New Year festivals during the term of

school. The excitement of getting up and attending these festivals, we fear, often make sad inroads upon the improvement that should be made in our schools.

*Suggestion to Teachers.* 1. Question scholars on their reading lessons. 2. Give the rudiments a due share of attention. 3. Teach spelling faithfully, and the rules for spelling. 4. Teach the vowel sounds and the powers of the letters of the English alphabet. 5. Apply the powers of letters in the spelling of words. 6. See that the rules for reading and the inflections of the voice and the sentential pauses are thoroughly understood. 7. Explain familiarly all rules to be learned, before they have been assigned to be committed to memory.

*Arithmetic.* Written Arithmetic is more practically and thoroughly taught than it was in former years. The Committee, however, are of the opinion that a full knowledge of Colburn's Mental (Oral) Arithmetic, giving appropriate formulas at recitation, would be an excellent preparation for entering upon the study of written arithmetic. Let ALL our most advanced scholars go through Colburn's, as proposed, and they will enter upon their common written exercises far more understandingly, will be able to solve their problems more readily, will not lean so much on their teachers for assistance, will become adepts in this important study, and expert arithmeticians.

*Apparatus.* All schools should be furnished with maps, globes, clocks, thermometers, dictionaries, books for reference, and frequently with better and more spacious blackboards. These all should be repainted before the commencement of the Summer Schools. No school should be without a bell, furnished at the expense of the district. One of these articles could be purchased every year out of school money, or perhaps better by subscription.

#### WHAT CONSTITUTES A TEACHER'S MONTH?

We answer, *twenty-two days*. The Puritan forefathers made it a custom for each teacher to work five and one half days each week, allowing Saturday afternoon to prepare for the Sabbath. This became the Common Law of New England. Our cities under municipal regulations have decreed five days for a week, consequently twenty days to be a teacher's month. Towns have a right to make such a decision, properly presented and legally enacted. When nothing is named in the teacher's agreement to teach, pay cannot be recovered short of twenty-two days for a month. The Prudential Committee, in consideration of the extra qualifications of the teacher, can stipulate five days to be a teach-



er's week. The legal voters in a School District, in their corporate capacity, can establish five days for a teacher's week. The Superintending School Committee has no authority to permit teachers to keep less than five and one half days for a week.

#### APPROPRIATION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

The manner in which the School Money is distributed gives our small districts longer schools than they could obtain under a different arrangement. We have twenty-one School Districts. One half our School Money is divided equally among our several School Districts. The other half is divided in proportion to the number of scholars.

**ACADEMIES.** Hopkinton and Contoocook Academies are in successful operation. We advise our youth to patronize these seminaries of learning.

Please carefully to read the subsequent District School Report.

**NOTE.** Rev. Anthony C. Hardy, State Superintendent of Instruction, lectured at the Town Hall, in Hopkinton, Thursday evening, February 17, 1870. Subject: "THE TEACHER."

#### DISTRICT No. 1.

*Summer School.* Miss Abbie F. Straw, teacher. Miss Straw is an active, energetic teacher. She succeeded in elevating the voices of her pupils, and they were ready and prompt in recitation. The map drawing in geography was highly creditable to the scholars. Commendable progress was made in all the studies, except the rudiments of reading. In these there was a failure. Irregularity of attendance seems to be the cause. When scholars do not attend school constantly they cannot reasonably be expected to learn much. A word to the wise is sufficient. SANBORN.

*Winter School.* George W. Currier, Esq., teacher. A veteran teacher is again at the head of this school, which has been under his instruction twenty winters. It seems that every year has infused enthusiasm and new energy into the constitution of this teacher. Mr. Currier is a thorough teacher, and his method of instruction is admirably adapted to the wants of his pupils. The moral deportment of this school is of an elevated character, in advance of the past. The improvement in all the branches has been excellent. This school is approximating to a No. 1 stand-point. Mr. George Foss has mastered the National Arithmetic, and was ready for examination upon it. Miss Mary C. Foss went nearly through the book. This young lady read a tastefully got up newspaper, and in behalf of the school presented two books to her beloved teacher, as a testimonial of his valuable services. There is a

class of young ladies here of elevated attainments who can make this a No. 1 school next year. In the paper kind allusions were made to the teacher, parents, and to the School Committee.

SANBORN.

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

*Summer School.* Miss Helen M. White, of Concord (Fisher-ville), teacher. The general improvement of this school was good. Teacher and scholars were equally interested in their work. Many little items of information, useful and important, were taught. The exercises in singing conduced to establish discipline, and to exert a salutary influence upon the school. The recitations in geography were not quite equal to those of other branches.

SANBORN.

*Winter School.* Helen M. White, teacher. I should judge this rather more than an average school, in point of improvement. School quiet and orderly when visited. The fact that the same teacher was employed for the winter term speaks well for her.

MORGAN.

#### DISTRICT No. 3.

*Summer School.* Miss Rhoda W. Bartlett, of Warner, a diligent and effective teacher, as the school well demonstrated at the close.

SINCLAIR.

*Winter School.* Moses C. Gould, teacher. Mr. Gould, emphatically, did well, especially so for a young teacher. Improvement was visible in all that was undertaken. Through the liberality of the district in contributing the board of the teacher, a long-term of school was secured, and was well appreciated by the scholars. Mr. Gould would do well, we think, to make teaching a speciality, certainly for winter schools.

MORGAN.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

*Summer School.* Miss Linda Maria Bohonan, teacher. This was Miss Bohonan's first experience in teaching. She was faithful and untiring in her efforts to promote the improvement of her pupils. Elementary instruction, such as sentential pauses, inflections of the voice, and abbreviations, received a due share of attention. Incipient map-drawing on slates reflected credit on the tyros in Geography. The progress compares well with other schools.

SANBORN.

*Winter School.* Miss Abbie F. Straw, teacher. It is seldom that we spend a half day in school more pleasantly than we did here. Owing to some misunderstanding, we visited the school one day

sooner than was expected; although not forewarned, none the less prepared. The district having done a praiseworthy act in making the much needed repairs on the house, the school-room was pleasant and cozy, although a fierce storm was raging without. With a new stove and desk they can arise and shine. Two hundred dollars have been expended in repairing the school-house. MORGAN.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

*Summer and Winter School.* Miss Kate L. Carr, of Newport, teacher. This was a well managed school. The instruction in all the branches was remarkably thorough and practical. The scholars were well versed in elementary knowledge. They excelled in map drawing according to the directions in Guyot's Geography, and classified well. They had learned the names of the towns in the county, and the counties in the State. They were questioned on their reading lessons, and answered intelligently. This practice is too much neglected by Hopkinton teachers. The employment of the same teacher the second term was of great advantage to the school. The Committee congratulates the district on their erection of a new, spacious and commodious school-house.

SANBORN.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

*Summer School.* Miss Ellen H. Sargent, teacher. Miss Sargent is an active, live teacher, and her efforts to elevate the character of this school have been crowned with signal success. She left a good moral impress upon the minds of her pupils; her labors were well appreciated, and the best wishes of parents and scholars accompany her to her distant field of labor. She truly magnified her office. The gymnastic exercises deserve commendation, also the tracing of rivers on the map from their source to the place where they empty.

SANBORN.

*Winter School.* Miss Clara Estelle Smart, of Tilton, teacher. Here the right teacher in the right place was fortunately employed. The discipline was of a high order, and the instruction was very thorough. Good progress was made in all the studies. The blackboard was ornamented with several well drawn maps, which were understandingly explained. The Committee congratulates this school on its success in the study of geography. Primary illustrations by OBJECT TEACHING deserve a passing notice. An attractive picture of a BIRD (one of several examples) was drawn on the blackboard. A familiar talk was had about the bird, and the letters that compose the word bird. The teacher placed the pointer in hand on the letter *b*, then on *i*, then on *r*, then on *d*;



then by the same instrument on the *picture* of the *word* bird. The class pronounce each letter in succession, and then the word *bird*. By local association of ideas the word is indelibly imprinted upon the mind.

SANBORN.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

*Summer and Winter School.* Miss Nellie C. Foss, teacher. Miss Foss commenced teaching in this school; is a diligent, devoted teacher, and has the confidence of her scholars. The advanced classes in reading and arithmetic did well. The young lady in Jarvis's Physiology excelled. More attention should have been bestowed on the rudiments of reading and arithmetic. There were too many classes. Those branches required by law to be taught should *always* and *first* receive especial attention, that the juveniles on the lower rounds of the ladder may become well qualified to fill the places of those graduating into active life. The map drawing was excellent. Numerous interesting and useful exercises were cleverly interspersed. This was a profitable school. This intelligent district has purchased a terrestrial globe, costing eleven dollars. May lasting benefit be derived from its use.

SANBORN.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

*Winter School.* Mr. Edward Wayne, teacher. This school is composed of an advancing class of intelligent scholars. Thorough instruction was given in arithmetic. The teacher seemed well posted on all the branches taught, and the recitations of the several classes were creditable to the scholars. The teacher's board was given, and he aided his pupils while in the several families in their studies. These voluntary labors were highly appreciated. The school closed sooner than was anticipated, so that no time was left for review. There was not that vivacity nor that wide-awake interest at the close that pervaded the school at the commencement.

SANBORN.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

*Winter School.* No Summer Term. Miss Jennie E. Noyes, teacher. She proved a faithful and successful instructor, doing well for a small number.

SINCLAIR.

#### DISTRICT No. 10.

*Summer School.* The Prudential Committee were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Mary A. Tinker, of Windsor, Vt., but unfortunate that she was able only to perform the labor of teaching for five weeks. After a vacation of one week Miss Junia

Bartlett, of Warner, also an experienced teacher, continued five weeks, in such a manner as to make the term a success, and thus the district was fortunate again. SINCLAIR.

*Winter School.* Mr. Thomas B. Richardson, an experienced and practical teacher. The result was, as might be expected, highly satisfactory. Large classes in mathematics, analysis and reading showed commendable attainment. SINCLAIR.

#### DISTRICT No. 11.

*Summer and Winter Schools.* Miss Mary E. Whittier, of Webster, teacher. She was faithful and efficient; much real progress was made in a short time. The same teacher gave like indications of efficiency in the Winter term. SINCLAIR.

#### DISTRICT No. 12.

*Summer School.* Miss Mary P. Sargent, teacher. This is a still, quiet school, each one attentive to study, and respectful to visitors. The teacher has the confidence of her pupils. The towns in the county and the counties in the state were well learned. Useful questions were asked and answered, thus storing the juvenile mind with needed information. The progress of the school was satisfactory. SANBORN.

*Winter School.* Henry D. Dustin, teacher. Mr. Dustin had remarkably good success for his first term. The improvement was very marked generally, classes in reading especially so. A class of small scholars deserve much praise for the progress made in mental arithmetic. Experience, and the tact of doing much, in a short time, will place Mr. Dustin among our first class teachers.

MORGAN.

#### DISTRICT No. 13.

*Summer and Winter Schools.* Miss Eva F. Burnham, teacher. Her school was made up of good materials which were well worked. The first class in geography deserves especial notice. In Winter, the same teacher was equally diligent and successful.

SINCLAIR.

#### DISTRICT No. 14.

*Summer and Winter Schools.* Miss Priscilla A. Elliott, of Webster, teacher. This has been a profitable school. The teacher was faithful and devoted to her calling, and interested in advancing her scholars in study. She questioned them on their reading lessons, thus inspiring thought and reflection, and developing the faculty of observation. The rules for the inflections of the voice were

promptly recited. The progress was good. A Map of the World and a Map of the United States has been furnished this school the past term. The parents showed much interest in the school by being present at examination.

SANBORN.

#### DISTRICT No. 16.

*Summer School.* Miss Elsie J. Felch, tacher. She is well qualified in the branches taught, but deficient in government. The term was short, yet by earnest labor, fair progress was made.

SINCLAIR.

*Winter School.* Mr. George H. Dodge, teacher. Although a short term, good improvement was made. Mr. Dodge seemed to have the good will and respect of his pupils. Harmony existing between teacher and scholars, seldom fails to produce good results. There are but a few scholars in this district, consequently, short terms of school. It seems as though a contribution in board and wood might work well here.

MORGAN.

#### DISTRICT No. 17.

*Winter School.* Miss Mary A. Chandler, teacher. The committee judging from the appearance of the school at each visit, and from the teacher's manner of conducting recitation, was of the opinion, that she taught well, and that, by most of the scholars, good progress was made. The rudiments received attention. The colored adult who attended the school, behaved with much propriety, and advanced well in his studies. This cannot be truly said of two or three other members of the school. A scholar of former years, Mr. William Fagan, gave a good farewell address. Several lady vlsitors, some of them former scholars, showed their interest by being present at examination.

SANBORN.

#### DISTRICT No. 18.

*Summer School.* Miss Mary A. Chandler, teacher. This was Miss Chandler's first effort in teaching. It was short, but not often excelled in progress for the time. Every class showed thorough drilling in the elements. A class of six girls who began the Common School Arithmetic the second week, deserve special mention.

SINCLAIR.

*Winter School.* Mr. Warren E. Tyrrell, of Fisherville, teacher. Mr. Tyrrell began well, with apparent energy and good judgment. By a mistake on the part of the committee, the school was not visited at the close. It is understood that the term was satisfactory.

SINCLAIR.



## DISTRICT No. 19.

*Summer School.* Miss Josie Richardson, teacher. Miss Richardson sustained her reputation as an approved teacher, doing a fair work with the materials. Since deceased. SINCLAIR.

*Winter School.* Mrs. Nellie M. Staniels, of East Concord, teacher. Her experience was made apparent in the substantial improvement of the pupils. The newly modified school house is a credit to the district, and its condition at the close of the term, shows that the scholars appreciated it. SINCLAIR.

## DISTRICT No. 20.

*Summer School.* Miss Alice F. Edmunds, teacher. Miss Edmunds is a resolute teacher; holds the reins in her own hands, and works with energy and effect. SINCLAIR.

*Winter School.* Mr. Charles Putnam, teacher. Mr. Putnam did efficient service in a commendable manner. SINCLAIR.

## DISTRICT No. 21.

*Summer School.* Miss Priscilla A. Elliott, of Webster, teacher, who managed to keep up a good interest in a very small school. SINCLAIR.

*Winter School.* Mr. Charles Eugene French, teacher. Mr. French had the ability to keep himself busy with one dull boy, and two sprightly little girls, minus the girls much of the time. If the boy does not become a Daniel Webster, it will not be the teacher's fault; for he gave him a good *start*. It is folly and waste of time to continue such a small district, when it can be so well accommodated by belonging to an adjoining one. SINCLAIR.

## DISTRICT No. 24.

*Summer, Fall and Winter Schools.* Miss Susie B. Smart, of Tilton, teacher. This school was visited at the commencement and close of each term.

There was a variety of exercises deserving notice. The teacher is a constant and faithful laborer, losing no intermediate time, hearing recitations during recess, when portions of her pupils were absent from the school-room. By her good example there has been an increasing diligence in study among her pupils; the result is a growing love for study, and a gratifying progressive-development of a well formed character. Her instruction is thorough and well measured. Her method of questioning is calculated to make intelligent scholars. She had a class of adepts in map-drawing. Her practice of spelling on the slate, and of cor-

recting errors by exchanging slates, is among the improved methods of spelling. The singing taught in this school has exerted a salutary influence upon all. In discipline, and in the manner of conducting recitations, this is an approximation to a model school.

SANBORN.

DYER H. SANBORN,  
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*Superintending School Committee of Hopkinton.*

HOPKINTON, N. H., March 1, 1870.



## STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Term.	Names of Teachers.	Whole No. Scholars.	Average attendance.	School in weeks.	Wages of Teachers a month, including board.	S. S. Com. visits.	Citizens' visits.	Times tardy.	Amount of District money.	Mural maps, &c.	Outline maps.
1	Summer.	Abbie F. Straw.....	40	33	9	\$25.00	3	25	122	\$172.44	Map of N. H. Geo. Cards.	1 set.
	Winter..	Geo. W. Currier, Esq.....	45	36	14	28.00	3	135	154			
2	Summer.	Helen M. White.....	19	17	8	16.00	2	19		105.18		1 set.
	Winter..	Helen M. White.....	22	21	10	16.00	2	110	42			
3	Summer.	Rhoda W. Bartlett....	15	14	9	20.00	2	220	25	98.10		
	Winter..	Moses C. Gould.....	21	17	12	37.00	2	218	35			
4	Summer.	Linda M. Bohonan.....	12	9	15	16.00	2	345	9	98.10		
	Winter..	Abbie F. Straw.....	15	14	8	24.00	2	20	2			
5	Summer.	Kate L. Carr.....	18	17	8	16.00	2	14	12	75.09		
	Winter..	Kate L. Carr.....	15	14	10	18.00	2	111	13			
6	Summer.	Ellen H. Sargent.....	17	15	10	20.00	2	31	46	91.02		1 set.
	Winter..	Clara Estelle Smart.....	17	15	13	23.00	2	240	35			
7	Summer.	Nellie C. Foss.....	20	18	12	16.00	2	157	1	99.87	Globe.	1 set.
	Winter..	Nellie C. Foss.....	23	20	11	16.00	2	165	5			
8	Summer.	Edward Wayne.....	15	12	15	20.00	2	12	66	86.48		1 set.
	Winter..	Jennie E. Noyes.....	9	6	13	18.00	2	3	45			
9	Summer.	Mary A. Tinker and...								195.45	Clock.	
10	Summer.	Junia S. Bartlett.....	44	39	10	28.00	3	10	132			
	Winter..	Thomas B. Richardson...	44	39	10	40.00	3	125	183	101.64		1 set.
11	Summer.	Mary E. Whittier.....	24	21	8	16.00	2	14	1			
	Winter..	Mary E. Whittier.....	31	27	12	20.00	2	6	21	76.85	Map U. S. do.	1 set.
12	Summer.	Mary P. Sargent.....	9	8	10	16.00	2	114	32			
	Winter..	Henry D. Dustin.....	11	10	10	30.00	2	116	39	94.56		
13	Summer.	Eva F. Burnham.....	10	8	10	24.00	2	130	27			
	Winter..	Eva F. Burnham.....	18	15	15	28.00	3	141	62	89.40	Map of World.	1 set.
14	Summer.	Priscilla A. Elliott.....	13	11	9	13.48	2	117	6			
	Winter..	Priscilla A. Elliott.....	14	12	10	16.00	2	17	14	66.25		
16	Summer.	Elsie J. Felch.....	7	6	6	16.00	2	7	10			
	Winter..	George H. Dodge.....	13	12	7	33.00	2	1	6	75.09		
17	Summer.	Mary A. Chandler.....	14	7	10	15.00	2	29	1			
	Winter..	Mary A. Chandler.....	12	11	7	16.00	2	126	6	64.17		
18	Summer.	Warren C. Tyrrell.....	11	10	9	20.00	1	113	50			
	Winter..	Josie Richardson.....	19	16	11	19.00	2	18	34	108.72		
19	Summer.	Mrs. Nellie M. Staniels	20	17	11	16.25	2	14	60			
	Winter..	Alice F. Edmunds.....	25	25	9	20.00	4	240	17	131.11		
0	Summer.	Charles Putnam.....	25	24	10	33.00	2	125	26			
	Winter..	Priscilla A. Elliott.....	8	5	10	12.00	2	12		53.85		
1	Summer.	Charles E. French.....	3	3	10	20.00	2	1	2			
	Winter..	Susie B. Smart.....	17	16	10	24.00	2	153	15	68.01	Clock.	1 set.
24	Autumn.	Susie B. Smart.....	18	17	12	24.00	2	150	24			
	Winter..	Susie B. Smart.....	18	17	12	24.00	2	140	37			